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SUBJECT: AD HOC STEEL GROUP: MAY 22-23 MEETING

FOLLOWING IS AGENDA FOR MEETING OF STEEL GROUP WHICH
BEGINS AT 10:30 AM MAY 23:

2. APPROVAL OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THE CES/78.18
FOURTH MEETING
3. DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE
STEEL INDUSTRY AND THE POLICY APPROACHES
BEING ADOPTED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES CES/78.37
4. PROPOSAL BY THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR A TRIPARTITE WORLD
STEEL CONFERENCE CES/78.38

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5. ECONOMIC ANALYSES TO BE PREPARED CES/78.39
FOR THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP (AND SEE CES/78.41
6. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE STEEL
SECTOR: SECRETARIAT REPORT BASED ON SUB-
MISSIONS FOR THE INFORMATION SYSTEM. CES/78.29

7. OTHER BUSINESS.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

2. THE AIDE-MEMOIRE ON THE 4TH MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP, HELD ON 15TH AND 16TH FEBRUARY, 1978, WAS CIRCULATED UNDER THE REFERENCE CES/78.18.

3. UNDER THIS POINT OF THE AGENDA, DELEGATIONS WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE INDICATIONS OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROBLEMS FACING THEIR IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY AND TO COMMENT ON THE POLICY APPROACHES WHICH HAVE BEEN, OR MAY BE, ADOPTED IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN FINDING SOLUTIONS. DELEGATIONS WOULD WISH TO BRING OUT IN THE DISCUSSION UNDER THIS ITEM THE MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND THE TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL POLICY MEASURES, INCLUDING INVESTMENT AND RATIONALISATION PLANS, THAT HAVE BEEN DECIDED. THE DISCUSSION MIGHT ALSO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPLICATIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR THE WORLD STEEL INDUSTRY.

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4' THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE ORGANISATION BY THE OECD OF A TRIPARTITE WORLD STEEL CONFERENCE AND FORWARDING A LETTER FROM THE WORLD FEDERATION FOR THE METALLURGIC INDUSTRY. THESE LETTERS ARE REPRODUCED IN DOCUMENT CES/78.38. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT A PROPOSAL IN THIS SENSE HAS ALSO BEEN MADE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION WHICH IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TUAC (SEE CES/77.64 OF 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1977) AND THAT THIS POINT WAS ALSO REFERRED TO BY THE TUAC SIDE AT THE MEETING BETWEEN THE WORKING GROUP AND TUAC ON 15TH FEBRUARY, 1978 (SEE THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING CES/78.20 OF 17TH MARCH, 1978).

5. AT THE 4TH MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP, THE CHAIRMAN, SUMMARIZING THE PROPOSALS MADE BY SOME DELEGATIONS, INDICATED CERTAIN DIRECTIONS WHICH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FUTURE WORK OF THE GROUP MIGHT TAKE(CES/78.18, PARAS. 17-20). THE NOTE CES/78.39 SETS OUT THE BROAD PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORK THE GROUP MIGHT WISH TO SEE UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO ASSIST IT IN ITS FUTURE DISCUSSIONS, AND DELEGATIONS WILL BE ASKED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THIS.

WITH REGARD TO THE MONITORING SYSTEM (SEE ALSO POINT 6 BELOW) AND, PARTICULARLY, THE ECONOMIC STUDIES ENVISAGED AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF CARRYING THEM OUT, A MORE DETAILED PAPER (CES/78.4L) WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE MEETING OF EXPERTS WITH A VIEW TO THE STUDIES BEING PUT IN TRAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ON THE LINES DESIRED BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP.

6. IN THE CONTEXT OF THE INFORMATION SYSTEM DECIDED ON BY THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP, THE SECRETARIAT HAS DISTRIBUTED A QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE HISTORICAL DATA (CES/77.99 & CORRIGENDA 1 AND 2) AND MONTHLY QUESTIONNAIRES RELATING TO THE FIRST MONTHS OF 1978 (CES/78.12 AND CES/78.14). ON THE BASIS OF THE REPLIES RECEIVED AND OF INFORMATION IT HAS COLLECTED FROM OTHER SOURCES, THE SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED A REPORT CES/78.29 INDICATING RECENT TRENDS IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE AD HAOC WORKING GROUP FOR CONSIDERATION.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE MEETING OF EXPERTS THAT FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY ON THIS MEETING OF THE GROUP WILL BE GIVEN INDICATIONS OF THOSE POINTS IN THE INFO-

MATION SYSTEMS WHICH, IN THE LIGHT OF THE FIRST RESULTS
OF THE SYSTEM'S OPERATION, WILL REQUIRE PARTICULAR
ATTENTION WHEN FUTURE REPLIES ARE DRAWN UP.
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